SHEPTON MALLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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of the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS - 1973

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Duties of Public Health Inspectors include :-

Public Health & Housing Administration, Meat and Food Inspection, Control of Refuse Collection and Disposal, Council House Administration (Letting, Control of Tenancies and Maintenance), and Rodent Control..

Committees Dealing with Public Health Matters

Public Health. Housing.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

(A) WATER SUPPLIES

1. Public Main Supplies There were no extensions of public mains during the year. Twenty-five samples of water from public main supplies were taken, all satisfactory.

2. Natural Fluoride content of the Public Water Supplies (these figures were supplied by the Bristol Waterworks Company in 1965) -

Stoke Bottom	0.06 (average Fluoride p.p.m as F).
West Bradley	0.45
Three Ashes	0.20
Farncombe	0.16
Evercreech	0.10
Milton Clevedon...	0.15
Lydford (ex Wessex Water Board)	0.22
Gurney Slade	0.05

3. Individual Private Supplies Eleven samples were taken with the following results -

Satisfactory ...	3
Unsatisfactory ...	8

(B) SEWERAGE SCHEMES

The scheme for sewering East and West Lydford was almost complete at the end of the year. No other schemes were commenced.

(C) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Bedford/Eagle Compressload 5 continued in use during the year. The Dennis Paxit IIA was in use for dealing with holidays and breakdowns. The fortnightly collection schedule continued. The same arrangements for disposal continued during 1973. Collections of bulky refuse as required continued.

(D) CESSPOOL EMPTYING

This scheme continued during the year and 182 cesspools were emptied.

(E) GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

1. Smoke Abatement No formal action was taken during the year.

2. Caravans Eight new licences were issued in respect of sites for individual caravans. At the end of the year, 20 licences were in force for sites for individual caravans and two for more than one caravan.

3. Rag Flock There are no premises in the District where rag flock is manufactured or sold.

4. Agricultural (Health) Act, 1956. It was not possible to carry out any new inspections.

5. Swill plants There are no licences in force.

6. Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1964. There were 27 premises registered at the end of the year, in which 180 persons were employed. No formal action was necessary for infringements.

7. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963. Three licences were renewed.

(F) PRIVATE HOUSES

1. Slum Clearance No significant progress was made during the year in dealing with the outstanding balance of Unfit Houses.

2. Overcrowding No cases were discovered during the year.

3. Rent Act, 1957. No applications for a certificate of disrepair were received.

4. Qualification Certificates Three were granted and four refused.

(G) COUNCIL HOUSES

At the end of 1972, there was a total number of 208 applications on the list, of whom, 74 for houses and 45 for old people were regarded as reasonable. During the year demand far exceeded supply and by the end of the year the number of reasonable cases had increased by more than 50%. With the ever increasing number of applications, the present building programmes will have little significant effect.

(H) INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

There were no significant changes from our 1972 Annual Report.

TABLE A - ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIED TO HOUSES EITHER OCCUPIED OR CAPABLE OF BEING OCCUPIED

The figures for 1973 are not available, but there have been no significant changes since 31st December 1972.

TABLE B - SANITARY FACILITIES OF HOUSES

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TABLE C - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	Discretionary Grants	Standard Grants
Approved to 1972 ..	282	246
During 1973 ..	36	7
Total	318	253
Completed to 1972 ..	229	218
During 1973 ..	24	10
Total	253	228

TABLE D - FACTORIES

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sec.1,2, 3,4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority (non-power)	-	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1 above in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority (power)	31	8	-	-
3. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	31	8	-	-

There were no cases in which defects were found.

TABLE E - ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES

The number of each class of food premises changed little in 1973. No statutory action was necessary.

TABLE F - PREMISES REGISTERED OR LICENSED AS FOOD PREMISES, etc

There was little change from 1972.

TABLE G MEAT INSPECTION 1973

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep & lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	491	42	2,685	891	3,423
(1) Meat and offal condemned for tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Part carcases or organs condemned	-	-	-	-	1
(2) Meat and offal condemned for cysticercus bovis	-	-	Nil	-	-
(3) All other diseases					
Whole carcases condemned	1	3	46	6	154
Part carcases or organs condemned	103	24	459	87	1,673
(4) Weight of meat and offal condemned (in lbs) for :-					
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	40
Other Diseases	1,836	2,525	5,029	647	21,925

Total weight condemned -

14 tons. 5 cwts. 1 qr. 14 lbs.